

On January 2, 2003, the Commission issued Order No. 2003-3 which established prefiling deadlines for the instant docket. Order No. 2003-3 directs the Applicant (Links) to prefile its testimony and exhibits on or before February 12, 2003, and the Commission Staff and/or intervenors to prefile their testimony and exhibits on or before February 26, 2003. Additionally, Order No. 2003-3 directs the Applicant to file any rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before March 5, 2003, and the Commission Staff and/or intervenors to file any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before March 10, 2003. Further, Order

No. 2003-3 provides for the parties of record to serve their prefiled testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

On March 5, 2003, Links, through its counsel, filed a request for continuance of the hearing and extension of the prefiling date for the Company's rebuttal testimony and exhibits scheduled in this matter. By the Request, counsel for Links alleges that his office did not receive the Commission Staff's prefiled testimony until Monday.¹ Links' request seeks to have the Company's prefiling date for rebuttal testimony extended for one week to March 12, 2003. Secondly, by the Company's request, Links seeks postponement of the hearing scheduled for March 12, 2003, until March 26, 2003, or thereafter. Counsel for Links asserts that an important witness to the Company's application, Danny Godfrey, is experiencing health problems which make it difficult for him to travel from the upstate of South Carolina to Columbia. Additionally, Links' counsel states that he is obligated to be out of town during the first two weeks of April and the last week of April, thus Links requests that the hearing be rescheduled for either March 27, during the week beginning April 21, or in May.

Upon consideration of the request of Links to continue the hearing presently scheduled for March 12, 2003, and to extend the prefiling date for the Company's rebuttal testimony and exhibits, the Commission finds and concludes that the request should be granted. In view of an extension being granted for Links' rebuttal testimony and exhibits, the Commission hereby approves an extension of the prefiling date for the

¹ Links' request is dated March 5, 2003, which is a Wednesday. In collaboration with the date of the request, the Monday referenced in the Links' request is March 3, 2003.

Commission Staff and/or intervenors' surrebuttal testimony and exhibits. The hearing shall be held on **March 27, 2003**, at **10:30 a.m.** and accordingly, Order No. 2003-3, dated January 2, 2003, captioned "Order Establishing Prefiling Deadlines" is modified as follows²:

The Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of any rebuttal testimony and exhibits of Links shall be pre-filed on or before **March 20, 2003**, and any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or intervenors shall be pre-filed on or before **March 25, 2003**. (Rebuttal testimony and exhibits and surrebuttal testimony and exhibits must be in the offices of the Commission and in the hands of the parties on these dates.) It should be noted that acceptance into the record of surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is subject to the discretion of the Commission.

All parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during any hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding, and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Please take note that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

² The modifications herein relate only to the due dates for prefiling of testimony and exhibits. The instructions concerning filing, number of copies to be filed, and service on other parties have not been modified from Order No. 2003-3, but those instructions are repeated herein for emphasis to the parties.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Hearing previously scheduled for March 12, 2003, is hereby continued and rescheduled for March 27, 2003.

2. The scheduling order for filing testimony and exhibits as set out by Order No. 2003-3 dated January 2, 2003, is hereby modified as outlined above.

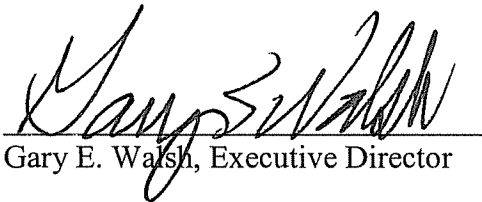
3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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